

verance in rejecting the demands made by France to pay 80,000,000 francs as indemnity for the Lang Son treachery.

There is an advanced vocal class practicing Oratorio in the College and the music to be furnished for the next entertainment will be a great improvement on anything that has been given on any previous occasion.

In reply to John Culp, Warrensburg, Mo., we say that D. L. Williams, addressed us in his letter as dear brother, and closed it, fraternally yours, and that is all we knew of his church membership or his character as a Christian.

The best way to bring about a union of Christians is to maintain a strict observance of the "Law of Christ" in all things,—in doctrines, in ordinances and in organization of Churches. A union outside of this is spurious.

Plenty of men and some women, too, spend more than three cents a day for tobacco and other luxuries. The BRETHRENS' EVANGELIST, to close of volume costs only a little more than three cents a week. Can you afford to be without it?

Brother Isaac Kilhefner called at the sanctum last Monday, on his return from North Liberty, where he had been preaching in brother Mallott's stead. Brother Mallott was called away to dedicate a new Brethren church in Perry county.

We have an article from Howard Miller on the hook for next week. We give this timely notice to allow our readers the pleasure of guessing what Howard has to say. It will be time enough to guess what he means after they have read his article.

The *Scientific American*, published by Munn & Co., 361 Broadway, Cor. of Franklin, N. Y., is one of the best of the many good papers received at this office. It is an educator in science, and a thoroughly reliable standard of authority on works of a scientific character.

The Rumi power considers Kansas their Rubicon, and it is said they have pledged \$100,000, to again place the saloons on a free footing in that state. It is to be hoped that temperance men in that state and elsewhere will be equally vigilant in this terrible conflict between Right and Rum.

Our correspondents and essayists are coming to the front once more. We hope they will continue to write. Give us your best thoughts, ask us questions on important matters, and be sure to give us the news from the churches. If you have no news to impart set about to remedy the evil by getting up a revival.

Joseph Robinowitz, a Jewish lawyer, who has for many years studied the social and religious status of his people, has finally come to the conclusion that "The key to the Holy Land lies in the hands of our brother Jesus," and taking this for his motto, he is now engaged in converting his brethren in Russia to this faith. Two hundred families have already joined in with the new movement.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean says: "A number of Milwaukee liquor dealers think to evade the prohibitory law of that state by having blank prayer books made with the title in raised letters on the cover—to all appearances prayer-books, but in reality boxes. They are to be just large enough to admit a glass bottle."

Which simply shows the origin of the traffic to be with the father of lies who was a deceiver from the beginning.

"There are 6,000,000 Mexicans who can neither read nor write, never slept in a bed, nor wore a stocking, and live in a mud hut furnished with a three-legged stool and a water jug."—*Exchange*.

The above is wonderful if true. Such ignorance and destitution is certainly deplorable. The most wonderful part about it however is, how 6,000,000 Mexicans can live in a mud hut and sit on a three-legged stool. We are willing to believe the bed and stocking part.

The well nigh to one hundred conversions that have been reported by our correspondents during the last few weeks, is especially gratifying from the fact that the meetings were held during the heated season. We rejoice with the brethren in the localities where those meetings were held and hope their success may go a long way to dispel the mistaken notion that souls may only be saved during certain seasons of the year. God is ready with his blessing the whole year round, if we will only do our part.

There has been a rebellion against the powers that be in Algeria. The progressives among the Mohamedans have dared to hold a convention in which they resolved to set aside some of the teachings of the Koran. They concluded that polygamy shall be suppressed, that girls married in infancy should not be delivered unto their husbands, and that the father should not be permitted to sell his daughter or the husband his wife. These reformatory movements are exceedingly gratifying to everybody except to those who are very loyal to the teachings of the Koran.

Our readers will notice that according to our announcement of the Dry Creek lovefeast, morning comes in the afternoon in Defiance country;

but this peculiarity does not exist. We published the announcement just as brother Huff sent it to us, but we did not mean to do so. We noticed what we believed to be a mistake and wrote to brother Huff for information about it. Before his reply reached us however, the announcement went to the printers by mistake, and when it was too late to remedy the matter we received a card from brother Huff setting the matter right, "Commencing exercises at 4 o'clock, p. m." The Brethren at the Dry Creek church will rise in the morning as usual, and attend the lovefeast in the afternoon.

James R. Osgood & Co., of Boston, publish in neat and convenient form, the address of Robert P. Porter to Arkwright club of New England, on "Protection and Free Trade To-day." Mr. Porter graphically presents exactly what voters in both political parties want to know, the facts showing how free trade and protection works at home and abroad, in the field and the workshop. He shows how agriculture, commerce and manufacturing in the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Holland have been affected by these two economic policies. Mr. Porter's work will be appreciated by business men, farmers and artisans who have no time to read a volume on the subject, but who want a clear exposition of the condition of labor.

He takes decided Protective ground but makes a fair use of the official figures, which are, at times, handled with dramatic effect. Few are better equipped, by training, to discuss this question than Mr. Porter. For several years a student of the industrial progress of the West, and author of one of the most useful works on this section; for three years in charge of an important division of the census, next a member of the tariff commission; and then sent abroad for eighteen months, by the *New-York Tribune*, to investigate the condition of labor in Great Britain and the Continent. The words of the author of the address on Tariff will carry weight with those anxious for a practical view of the Tariff question. Price ten cents.

Correspondence.

Farmersville Items.

The Farmersville congregation will hold a Lovefeast at one of the Brethren's houses, on Friday, the nineteenth instant.

Our appointments at the home church are well attended. At our evening meetings we have the house very nearly full.

Last Sunday the 7th, we had meeting at Farmersville in the morning, and at Lexington in the afternoon.

Next Sunday, the 13th, I preached at Winchester in the morning and at Farmersville in the evening.

On the 28th of August according to appointment, I preached at a school house five miles south of Miamisburg, Ohio. This was a new appointment and I saw nothing discouraging. So we left an appointment for the 17th instant. I found brother Neibel convalescent.

On the 30th of August I preached again at New Lebanon. Here, too, I left an appointment for the 10th inst. Our aged sister Kiger is sinking fast. Her pilgrimage is nearly over. She is perfectly resigned and patiently awaits the Master's call.

The Brethren and friends in the vicinity of New Lebanon are rejoicing over the fact that brother J. P. Martin will soon be among them and back at his old home again. The people here have a very great respect for our young brother. Of this we are very glad, as we hope to receive valuable help from him during the winter campaign.

I spent two days of last week in the neighborhood of West Manchester and Eldorado, Ohio. We held two meetings there, both of which were very well attended. They know nothing or very little about the Brethren there. The people there are becoming very much enthused and the prospects are brightening with every appointment. The German Baptist are, as usual busy with their insinuations, but they have little weight among the people that do their own thinking. Occasionally we have the privilege of preaching to a very few of the more honest and less prejudiced of the German Baptists. But the mass of them are no doubt warned to keep away.

The Old Order Brethren treat me in a very Christian manner, and those in the neighborhood generally come to our meetings. I find that the people respect them here for their honesty and consistency.

At our last meeting near Eldorado, I was urgently requested to preach in the town, I also received cordial invitations to come to other places in the neighborhood. They urged me so persistently and so eager did they seem to hear the Gospel, though hard worked as I am, I could not refuse, so I left an extra appointment for my next trip.

The Lord willing, I expect to commence a protracted meeting there some time in October.

During the winter campaign I expect to commence a protracted meeting at each new

moon. Allowing each meeting to last three weeks, this will give me about a week to rest. And if the prospect justifies it, the meeting can be continued that week. This method will not crowd the meetings too much, and if it was adopted generally we would not hear the cry "Closed to soon" so much as we have. We are sometimes too eager to go to many places, when if fewer appointments were made and longer meetings held, they would likely accomplish more good.

The news in last week's EVANGELIST was very cheering. Let us all earnestly pray for the success of the Gospel.

And now comes brother S. W. Wilt on the "Unpardonable Sin." I am glad that this subject has been so well investigated. But brethren do not get your views of Bible truth narrowed down too finely. Give them a broad, practical application that will even reach down to the nineteenth century. Unless we can apply the truths and facts of the Gospel to our selves, we lose a good deal. I fear the brethren have forgotten what I said on this subject, it is so long ago. Please refer again to number 27. Brother Wilt will find that the very sentiments that he advocates are expressed there, probably not quite so clearly and as forcibly as he does, in the last three paragraphs of that article.

Remember while infidelity is pardonable; continued infidelity is not. The great trouble with us is we confine the meaning of infidelity to outspoken *atheism*. Is not really all sinful and vicious habits, and indeed everything that is positively opposed to the teachings of Gospel, practical infidelity? We do not think that any man living in open sin, or even inconsistent and hypocritical professors show much *fidelity* to God. Infidelity is a lack of fidelity; no matter whether it is found in a non-professor, backslider or hypocrite.

I believe with our brother that this motive has much to do in extenuating or exaggerating the sin. With him I also believe there is a line some where in the spiritual down grade, over which, if either the unbeliever or backslider steps there is no hope of return. But I believe that line to be pretty far down where the mercy and grace of God cannot reach a poor out cast. So you see we do not differ so much after all. As far as "malicious intent and purpose in heart against God" is concerned, I do not think that any much worse can be found than that of the Ingersol stamp.

Yours in love,

EDWARD MASON.

The Conemaugh Lovefeast.

The Brethren Church called "Conemaugh" is located about seven miles northeast of Johnstown, in Cambria County, Pa., and was one of the first victims of annual meeting usurpation. Some four or five years ago the main body of the church including Elder Solomon Benshoof, and over one hundred members, were declared expelled from the German Baptist Church, because they could not accept the decision of a committee sent by the annual meeting. At the first Brethren's Convention held at Ashland, in June, 1882, a committee was appointed to investigate the case, which was done in October following. Said committee found that the expulsion was not right, that the circumstances did not warrant such an assumption of power on the part of the annual meeting committee, and that the church was in good working condition. The report or findings of the committee from the Ashland Convention was accepted by the Church without a dissenting voice. The number of members included in the expulsion act, by the annual meeting committee was about 120. By the time the latter committee met them in October, 1882, they had increased to about 150. This increase was principally by baptisms. And at the present time they number about 200. They have three meeting houses, one by compromise, one by natural right, and one by purchase. The latter is called Fairview, located at Vinco. It is a very good house, built by the United Brethren and sold to our brethren. It was at this place where the lovefeast was held, on the 2nd of this month. The number of communicants was over 160, it was the largest communion meeting it has been my privilege to attend since the division was forced by the annual meeting, and in point of real union and love we can truly say, was the most enjoyable one we ever attended. The crowd was also very large but for the most part had to remain outside of the house, as most of the space in the house was occupied by the members, and all the standing room not thus occupied, was densely packed by interested and quiet spectators. The large crowd outside was also very quiet and orderly, and when the meeting was dismissed all went away in the most orderly manner, for all of which we are thankful. It shows that our brethren here as elsewhere have the respect and good will of the public. A thing not to be lightly esteemed, at all times, and especially at the present.

At the conclusion of the communion meeting brethren Stephen Hildebrand and David Byers were ordained to the full ministry by the solemn ceremony of prayer and laying on of hands. Brethren Hildebrand and Byers have been faithful pillars in the church, and nobly defended the cause of truth through all the conflict of the past few years, and it is but just to say are entitled to the confidence of brethren everywhere. Brethren J. B. Wampler, of Armstrong county, and H. R. Holsinger of Ashland, Ohio, were at this meeting and assisted in the work. The pleasant countenance of brother Ramsey, of the Johnstown church, was also visible, and aided in the work. This brings us to say that there is another Brethren church at Johnstown that is even larger in number than the Conemaugh church, numbering considerably over 200, and in order to keep the reader from confounding the two churches, as we have had them confounded in our own mind, we will give a little explanation. About two miles east of Johnstown, on the Pennsylvania railroad, is the town of Conemaugh, and here the Brethren also have a meeting house, and here the Sunday School Convention is to be held on the ninth and tenth instant. This town and meetinghouse is in the bounds of the Johnstown church, so that the Conemaugh meeting house is in, and belongs to the Johnstown church, and is not a part of the church known as the Conemaugh church, we are thus specific in order to get a proper understanding of the situation among our brethren elsewhere. We have held several meetings at the Fairview meeting house, aside from the Communion meeting, and they were all well attended and the cause is in a prosperous condition. Tonight we go the Benshoof meeting house to preach three consecutive evenings. Brother Wampler goes to the Pike house for the same purpose. On Sabbath we expect to preach in the town of Conemaugh, and on Tuesday following I expect to attend the Convention and hope to get home by the 12th instant.

P. J. BROWN.

Vinco, Pa., Sept. 4th, 1884.

Dedication at South Bend.

DEAR EVANGELIST: The Brethren church at South Bend was dedicated according to announcement. Brother J. W. Fitzgerald preached the dedicatory sermon and acquitted himself in a commendable manner. He used for a text Gal. 5: 7, 8. Brethren J. C. and D. S. Cripe, and brother Abbott, were also present on the ministerial force. The Brethren had a good time and a crowded house.

The house is 36x56, substantially built, and nicely furnished. The building of this church is largely due to the zeal and liberality of Elder D. C. Ullery. The Brethren were assisted by kind friends in the vicinity. A Baptist sister whose name I have forgotten, donated an acre of ground.

N. A. FRAME.

Elkhart, Ind., Sept. 1.

Conemaugh Lovefeast.

Our lovefeast in the Conemaugh church, Cambria county, Pa., is past, and glorious were the meetings we had. Elder P. J. Brown and H. R. Holsinger, of Ohio, J. B. Wampler and D. F. Ramsey, of Penn'a., were the ministers from abroad. About 160 members communed including brother Wm. Strayer, of Iowa, who had the privilege of communing once more with his many friends, as he formerly was a member of this church. Good order prevailed and everything passed off nicely.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Mineral Point, Pa.

Married.

REFLOGLE—LONG ANECKER—At his residence near Roaring Springs, August 24th, 1884, by the Rev. John G. Snider, Mr. DANIEL A. REFLOGLE, of Waterside, Penn'a., to Miss NANCY C. LONGANECKER, of Woodberry, Bedford county, Pa.

STAHLHABER—WILLIS—At the home of the bride, in Ashland, Thursday evening, September 4th, 1884, Mrs. LYDIA WILLIS to Mr. TOBIAS STAHLHABER, the office editor officiating. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Stahlhaber a prolonged honeymoon, and a long and happy life.

Died.

DOOLY—At New Enterprise, Pa., August 25, 1884, THOMAS ORVAL DOOLY, son of brother Henry and sister Mattie Dooly; aged four months and one day. Funeral services by Elder H. R. Holsinger.

ROADHEFFER—On the 28th of August last, at her residence in Farmersville, Ohio, MARY ELIZABETH ROADHEFFER, of this place. Aged 40 years, 10 months and 6 days. The deceased was highly respected and the funeral largely attended.

EDWARD MASON.

STRAYER—In the Conemaugh church, Cambria county, Pa., brother JOHN STRAYER, aged 71 years, 10 months, and 8 days.

Brother Strayer was a worthy Deacon in the church for a number of years, also treasurer for several years and was one of our most useful members. He leaves a wife and ten children, all members of the church, to mourn his loss.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.